

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation      ☐ Divisional      ☒ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/807,988, filed August 10, 2001,

For (Title): TRANSFER SYSTEMBy (Inventors): Yoshihiro NISHIZAWA, Masami MITSUHASHI, Keiichi KUBOTA, Kouichii IKEDA and Hideo MURAKAMI

1. ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☐ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
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INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0
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+140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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	\$ 750
x 18	\$
x 84	\$
+280	\$
TOTAL	\$ 750

3. ☒ A Check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 --This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☒ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/807,988 filed August 10, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. This application claims the priority of foreign application No. PCT/JP99/06130 filed November 4, 1999 in Europe, Application No. 10-313524 filed November 4, 1998 in Japan and Application No. 10-340550 filed November 30, 1998 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b). --
7. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9) are attached.

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8. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. PCT/JP99/06130 filed November 4, 1999 in Europe, Application No. 10-313524 filed November 4, 1998 in Japan and Application No. 10-340550 filed November 30, 1998 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/807,988 on August 10, 2001.
10. ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
11. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
12. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
13. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha recorded at Reel 012185, Frame 0533 on August 10, 2001.
14. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
15. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
16. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449 and no references.
17. ☐ Small entity status:
  - ☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.
  - ☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - ☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
18. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
19. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the application is to:

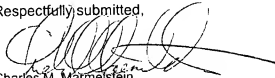
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